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JCHC Workplan Meeting

May 26, 2010

10:00 a.m.

Senate Room A

General Assembly Building
Richmond, VA



Notes from the Chairman

I know we are all looking forward to another productive year of addressing health care issues in the Commonwealth. I hope you will be able to participate in our May 26th meeting, when we discuss study proposals and determine the 2010 work plans for the Commission and our Subcommittees (Behavioral Health Care and Healthy Living/Health Services).

As chairman, I would like to extend a warm welcome to JCHC's three new members - Delegate T. Scott Garrett, Delegate Christopher K. Peace and Secretary of Health and Human Resources, Bill Hazel. On behalf of all JCHC members, I would like to recognize Delegate Clifford L. Athey for his valued years of service.

By the way, you may want to check out JCHC's new and improved website—<http://jchc.virginia.gov> which includes our meeting materials for the last 3 years, links to our published reports (which date back to 1995), and other resources of interest.

JCHC's Legislative Initiatives 2010 Session

SB 260 – Senator L. Louise Lucas

Amend *Code* §37.2-416.C to allow an individual with a conviction of assault against a family member (related to individual's mental illness or substance abuse) to be assessed for employment in a private behavioral health care facility that serves adults.

Passed the Senate (40-0) but was amended to conform to HB 867 before passing in the House (71-27). The committee of conference was unable to reach agreement, so SB 260 failed to pass. (HB 867 was continued to 2011 in Senate Education and Health.)

SB 706 – Senator R. Edward Houck

Amend *Code* §38.2-3412.1 to repeal mental health benefit limitations for large group markets while maintaining the mandate to provide coverage for specified mental health services.

Passed both Chambers on unanimous votes.

HB 306 - Delegate John M. O'Bannon

Amend the *Code* to add an Article 2 to Section 8.01-581.20 authorizing a pilot program regarding the use of disclosures, apologies and other measures related to adverse medical outcomes.

Continued to 2011 in House Courts of Justice.

HJ 83 - Delegate Robert H. Brink

Request for JLARC study of the costs and benefits of implementing the Home and Community-Based Services State Plan Option.

Left in House Rules

HJ 56 - Delegate Rosalyn R. Dance

Request for the Cancer Plan Action Coalition to present updated Virginia Cancer Plans to JCHC. *Passed both Chambers on unanimous votes.*

HJ 51 - Senator Linda T. Puller

Request for JLARC study of the funding and administration of the LTC Ombudsman program. *Passed by indefinitely in Senate Rules.*

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Proposed JCHC Studies

Study Resolutions Approved

HJ 27 – Delegate Harry R. Purkey

Staff: Stephen Bowman

Directs JCHC to (i) determine the volume of indigent health care provided by private, specialty, and not-for-profit hospitals; (ii) determine the financial cost of indigent health care to private, specialty, and not-for-profit hospitals; and (iii) identify and analyze potential tax and other incentives that may be offered to private and specialty hospitals and other health care providers to encourage the provision of care to indigent individuals.

HJ 82 – Delegate Patrick A. Hope

Staff: Jaime Hoyle

Directs JCHC to review available information including information about chronic health care home systems in other states to develop recommendations related to the development of a system of chronic health care homes.

HJ 99 – Delegate Christopher P. Stolle

Staff: Stephen Bowman

Directs JCHC to (i) determine the availability and usage of catastrophic health insurance policies, (ii) examine the results of efforts in other states to increase the use of catastrophic health insurance policies, and (iii) evaluate the potential benefits and risks of facilitating the offering within the Commonwealth of health insurance policies or plans that provide catastrophic coverage only.

House & Senate Bills Referred

SB 266 - Senator Mary Margaret Whipple

Staff: Jamie Hoyle

Review of issues surrounding changing eligibility levels in FAMIS program from 200 to 225% FPL.

HB 512 - Delegate Thomas D. Rust

Staff: Jaime Hoyle

Review of issues surrounding physicians prescribing long-term antibiotic therapy for Lyme disease.

HB 867 - Delegate Benjamin L. Cline

Staff: Kim Snead

Review of whether to repeal allowance for CSBs to screen consumers, with one misdemeanor conviction of assault on a family member, to work in adult facilities.

Studies Continued from 2009

SJ 339 - Senator George L. Barker

Staff: Stephen Bowman

Study of ways to ensure that individuals with life-threatening conditions receive medical care.

SJ 292 - Senator Stephen H. Martin

Staff: Michele Chesser

Study of benefits to the Commonwealth of appropriating additional funds for cancer research.

Mental health issues in higher education.

Staff: Kim Snead

Review of the feasibility of replicating JMU's Caregivers Community Network.

Staff: Michele Chesser

Study of Virginia's HIV prevention and treatment programs.

Staff: Michele Chesser

